WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for Sunday and Monday:
Virginia—Generally fair Sunday; winds
generally southwestrly, fresh to brisk on
the coast. Monday fair.

the coast. Monday fair.

North and South Carolina-Fair Sunday; westerly winds becoming southerly, fresh on the coast. Monday fair.

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PRICE THREE CENTS.

HE SHOT HIS MAN IN MAIN STREET

Exciting Times About the First Police Station.

A CROWD COLLECTS.

The Police Had to Use Firmness and Tact to Keep Order.

ONE NEGRO WILL PROBABLY DIE,

Another, Who Was Cut by the Wounded Man, Is Seriously Hurt. The Man Who Did the Shooting Made His Escape.

Ed Lanier shot and probably fatally wounded James Leathers, near Eighteenth Street, on Main, yesterday afterreen about 5:50 o'clock, Lanier escaped. A few minutes previously Leathers cut Sol Williamson very seriously, at No. 2408

The shooting created the most intense excitement, and a riot, or something very close to it, at one time seemed imminent. It was hard to tell why the people, white as well as black, should have become so excited, but the crowd became greatly wrought up, and it required firmness and tact on the part of the police to exite them. HOW IT BEGUN.

Leathers and Sol Williamson became involved in a fight about a woman at No. 2304 East Main. Leathers, according to Williamson threw a lighted lamp at him and then cut him across the face,

and then cut him across the face, through the right eye.

Leathers ran out into the street, and there he and Lanier began a row. Of course a crowd gathered.

It seems that Lanier was struck by somebody in the crowd with Leathers. He ran up the street to Eighteenth. The chowd with Leathers followed at a good distance. Lanier got a pistol somewhere about Eighteenth and Main. It was impossible to discover from whence it came. He went back along Main a short distance and met Leathers and those with listance and met Leathers and these with

The quarrel was renewed, of course, and The quarrel was renewed, of course, and a big crowd collected at once. Few words passed, when Lanier drew his pistol and began to use it. He was only a few feet from Leathers. Three shots were fired. One ball struck Leathers in the right hand, one in the right him, one in the abdysmen

hand, one in the right hip, die in the abdomen.

Lanier dropped his pistol at the third shot, and ran. Leathers seized it, and although badly shot, fired twice at his assailant running down Eighteenth Street, in the direction of the river.

IT CAUSED A PANIC.

A panic seized the crowd when the shooting began, and they scattered in every direction; large numbers rushing into stores, barber shops, and barrooms, to escape the flying lead.

But John Durkin, a young white man, rushed up to seize the pistol and prevent further shooting, and the endangement further shooting, and the endangement in the set possession.

man, rushed up to seize the pistol and prevent further shooting, and the endangering of many lives. He got possession of the pistol, when another young man, the Olsen, became involved in trouble Ole Olsen, became involved a hand with him, thinking he was taking a hand

in the fight.

The police, including Sergeant Jeter, Officers Vest, Goodman, Robinson and Carroll, were on the scene by this time. Officer Robinson secured Leathers. Olsen and Durkin were also taken to the First Station.

The officers did their best to follow the The officers did their best to follow the fleeing negro who did the shooting. But the crowd took a delight in throwing them off the scent, "just for fun." They had to give up efforts after a brief time.

CROWD AT THE STATION-HOUSE.

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An immense crowd followed the officers and prisoners to the station-house. The people, white and black, collected about the stairs leading up to the station in such great numbers that the police had to repeatedly disperse them. But very few were allowed to go unstairs. There few were allowed to go upstairs. There were probably not less than one thousand were probably not less than one choosard persons in Eighteenth Street, as closely jammed about the station-house entrance as possible. Two negroes became in-volved in a fight while the crowd was densest. Officer Robinson waded out and brought in one of the scrappers, and on

his way back pulled in another negro who interfered with the officer.

About this time the ambulance, with Dr. W. Armistead Gills, arrived. It was hard for the ambulance to force its way through the crowd to the station-house steps. Dr. Gills made his way upstairs and examined Leathers. He probed for the ball in the abdomen. The builet en-tered in the groin, and apparently ranged upward. There was little blood, which caused the fear that there was interna caused the fear that there was internal bleeding. He was removed to the city almshouse. Wounds caused by one ball in the thigh, and another in the little finger of the right hand, are not serious, Messrs. Durkin and Olsen were discharged, as they were entirely blameless to the affair.

THE CROWD LINGERED.

Even after the wounded negro was taken to the hospital the crowd about the station-house did not disperse. The people seemed wait-ing for something. Perhaps one-third was white. Everybody seemed in more or less bad humor. Nobody could have told why. Two negroes had become involved in a probably fatal affray. There was no question of race clash originally, but many whites, as well as blacks, expressed indignation that there should have been the reckless shouting in brand day. been the reckless shooting in broad day light on a crowded thoroughfare.
A FRESH ROW.

Just about the time the crowd seemed ready to leave, considerably past 6 o'clock, a car conductor became involved in a row with an apparently drunken negro at Eighteenth and Main, and bounced him off the car. The negro refused to remain bounced and sprang upon the platform as the car was moving or eastward. The conductor rang down the car and called back the motorneer. The ejected him at the middle of the block.

The incident created no little exc. ment. The objurgations of the eje negro drew a larger crowd to the scene. The whites among the bystanders we e pronounced in their expressions of indig-nation at the negro's conduct. The nation at the negro's conduct. The negroes were silent. Had they been other-wise there would have been trouble sure

enough.
WILLIAMSON ARRESTED.

pital Dr. Gills went back to No. 2408 East alain and treated Williamson. The sight of the left eye is probably decrey.d. Williamson was locked up.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

British Officers Do Not Share Optimism of the Press.

(By Associated Press.) (By Assecuted Press.)

LONDON, March 2.—The war in South
Africa has again reached a stage which
the Zritish newspapers critics are pleased
to call the eve of the termination. The
cumors of the surrender of General
Botha and the collapse of all Boer resistance flourish to the great benefit of

Botha and the collapse of all Boer resistance flourish, to the great benefit of South African stocks.

Those most responsible for carrying on the war do not share this optimism. The new concentration of troops at the front is only one of the many steps for wheth edneral Kitchener has so long been preparing. That it will lead to the comprehence that will lead to the comprehence the second of the comprehence that will lead to the comprehence that will lead to the comprehence that will be do to the comprehence that will be do to the comprehence that it will be do to the comprehence that it will be do to the comprehence that the comprehence that the comprehence that the comprehence that the comprehence the comprehence that the comprehence the comprehence that the comprehence the comprehence the comprehence the comprehence that the comprehence the compreh preparing. That it will lead to the complete disintegration of the more impor-tant Boer units and possibly, to the per-sonal surrender of General's Botha and Dewet, the British War Office earnestly

it. General Kitchener is almost as re-ticent towards his chiefs in Pall Mall as to the general public. The meeting of General Kitchener and Sir Alfred Milner at Pretoria, probably occurring Sunday, is generally taken as likely to result in the establishment of a more permanent form of civil government, in which the severities of martial law will be somewhat tempered in several sections of the what tempered in several sections of the country. But neither in London nor in South Africa are the British officials shutting their eyes to the fact that they have a long task ahead of them, which can only be lightened and by no means solved through the victories over th

The glory which the British press some time ago showered on General Dewet has departed from him, in dispatches and ediferials he is now belifted as a disappointed raider, deserted by his own men and yenting his fruitless anger by sjambocking his relectant handful of followers. Calmer observers are in-clined to fear the clusive Boor leader is merely under a temporary cloud, from which he may be expected at any moment to emerge, accompanied by a force which, though not formidable in num bers, will be particularly formidable in execution.

The false announcement of Genera Botha's surrender, Thursday, will be a matter for discussion in the House of Commons, especially the fact which accompanied the asseveration, that it was

STEEL MERGER.

Circular Issued to Various Parties to the Contract.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 2.—A circular addressed by J. P. Morgan & Co., to the stockholders of the companies that are to be merged into the United States Steel Corporation, was issued to-day.

The capitalization of the corporation will be \$1,154,000,000; of this amount \$425,

000,000 is 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock; an equal amount of common stock, and \$394,000,000 of 5 per cent, bonds. The bonds are to be used only in acquiring the bonds and 60 per cent, of the stock of the Carnegie Company. An underwriting syndicate of \$200,000,000 has been formed to finance the plan. The right is reserved to withdraw the terms of exchange to any company unless two-thirds of its capital stock is deposited or to withdraw their offer in respect to all companies if deem ed advisable

SIGNED THE ARMY BILL.

President Attached His Signature to Measure Last Night.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 2.—The President to-night signed the army appropriation bill, which contains the provisions relating to the relations of the United States with Cuba and the government of

A Cane for Chandler.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 2.—As a token of appreciation of his services to the race Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire was to-day presented with a handsome cane by representatives of the leading colored newspapers in the country. Senators McComas and Pritchard also were

IT WAS ALL A GREAT BIG JOKE

Mosby's Men Who Expect to Receive Fortunes May be Dis-

appointed.

The published story that Barm von Massow, a distinguished general in the German army, who served with Mosby's men during the Civil War, had in his will bequeathed his fortune of \$2,000,000 to the survivors of that noble band of warriors, who gave the Federals so much trouble on the northern border of V

Two of "Mosby's men" in New York, as a gentleman who knows writes a friend here, were introduced to a newspaper man and they told him the story that has been so widely published. He printed it the next day. It was sent to other papers. "Mosby's men" very sud-denly became quite numerous. One of them residing in Richmond has received on an average of four or five letters a day from persons claiming to have fought under Colonel Mosby, asking information

as to the alleged bequest.

The German Consul-General in New York states in a letter to a Richmond gentleman that he knows nothing of any bequest by Baron von Massow to "Mosby's men.

PISTOLS PULLED.

Rock-Battle Which Might Have Resulted Scriously.

Pistols were brought into play yesterday afternoon in what started out for a fair and square rock-battle and came near terminating seriously.

For several days in the afternoons rock battles have been waged between a gang of white boys and a band of colored boys near the northern end of Eleventh S reet. which terminates in a large dump. The white boys have successfully defended the heights against the invasion of the dacks, but yesterday afternoon the bat le waged with such flerceness that fire irms were pulled and several shots ex

This unusual change in implements of warfare alarmed the neighbors, who soon communicated with the Second Police-Station, and an officer dispatched to the After taking Leathers to the City Hos- scene soon routed both forces.

INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT

the Great Event

STREETS THRONGED. MAXIMUM PENALTY.

Capital City.

One Commemorative of the Event Presented to Him - The Vice-President-Elect and Family Have Arrived. Distinguished Guests Arc Coming

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The last day, but one before that specified when Mr. but one before that specimed when are william McKinley, of Ohio, is to be inaugurated for the second time President of the United States, finds Washington in complete readiness for the reception of the thousands of visitors who are traveling to the nation's capital. The streets of the city to-day presented a holiday approach with stranger themselved with stranger pearance and were thronged with strang-

Lord Minto, the Governor-General of Canada, will attend the inauguration ex-ercises Monday. Invitation has been ex-tended through Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, whose guest the distinguished visitor will be, Lord Minto left Ottowa this afternoon. He probably will attend the capitol ceyemonies and the inaugural ball with Lord Pauncefote's

medal for President. General Ellis Speer, chalrman of the Inaugural Committee on Medals and Badges, to-day called at the White House and presented to President McKinley a commemorative medal of the present in-auguration. The medal is similar to that struck for the members of the several inaugural committees, being cast in gold, however, instead of bronze. Gen. Speer also presented the Chief Executive a handsome bound copy of the inaugural souvenir book, containing the pictures of all the Presidents of the United States and an account of the inaugural exer-

A gold medal and souvenir also will be A gold medal and souvenir also win be presented to Vice-President Roosevelt. The third gold medal has been presented to Chairman Edson, of the Inaugural

General Francis Vinton Greene, grand

General Francis Vinton Greene, grand marshal of the inaugural parade, was this morning presented a beautiful marshal's baton of dark mahogany, studded with forty-five gold stars, representative of the States of the Union.

The President will not go to the Capitol to attend the signing of the late bills until about 10:39 o'clock Monday morning. He will have more than an hour for this work before the inaugural ceremonies begin. The bills that accumulate between to-day and Monday will be signed early Monday morning.

DIPLOMATIC BODY. DIPLOMATIC BODY

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The President will have many of his relatives with him to-morrow and for several days next week. Miss Helen McKinley and Mrs. Duncan, the President's sister, arrived to-day, Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley, Dr. and Mrs. Baer and others are expected.

others are expected.

There were several conferences to-day tween Lord Paune amabassador, and Assistant Secretary Hill, respecting the seating of the diplo-matic body in the Senate chamber during Monday's ceremonies. Lord Pauncefote is the dean of the corps. The Senate com-mittee had arranged to seat the am-bassadors, seven in number, and the en-tire body of ministers, in the first rows Senatorial desks on the right of presiding officer. But the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court are given easy chairs temporarily placed in the space before the President's stand and thus would be directly in front of the diplomatic body. The question of precedence has been the subject of discussion, but it is not yet settled. Mean-while no protest has been lodged and it s confidently expected that all of the ar ngements will be in smooth working order Monday.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Vice-President-elect Rossevelt, accom-panied by his wife and children, reached Washington at 4:50 this afternoon on the Congressional Limited train of the Penn-sylvania Railroad, which was more than an hour late owing to the crush of inau gural travel. Mrs. Cowles, his sister, and wife of Commander Cowles of the navy met him. Creighton Webb, of New York and La Guasimas, happened to be on the platform and assisted Mrs. Cowles in inding her brother in the confusion. The children were kissed all round and then the party stepped out of a side exit from the station, avoiding the dense throng of people waiting behind the railing at the end of the platform. The party driven at once to Commander Cowles sidence, where the Vice-President-elecesidence, where the Vice-President-eige will remain till after the inauguration. The railroads to-day reported heavie

raffic than at the same date previous the first McKinley inauguration. Trains into Washington began to arrive to-day in from two to five sections, Governor Odell, of New York, and Longino, of Mississippi, were among to-day's arrivals.

MANY VIRGINIANS.

Tidewater Counties Send Large Delegations.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The
down river counties of Virginia have
sent and will increase the throngs of
vistors to this city in the next two days, and the managers of the steamboat lines have arranged special trips to bring the visitors here. Yesterday steamer Wakefield had about 200 passengers, and the steamer Harry Randall brought up about

the same number.

Large crowds are expected on the trips of the two steamers to-morrow and already accommodations are spoken for on them that will crowd them.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

The Seventieth Regiment and the Howitzers Left Last Night.

Five companies of the Seventieth Regiment and the Howitzer battalion left last night to take part in the inaugu-(Continued on Seventh Page.)

THE FIRST FINE UNDER THE LAW

is Convicted.

Thousands of Visitors Flocking to the | He Took a Ticket From an Illiterate

GOLD MEDAL FOR M'KINLEY. AND FILED IT AS EVIDENCE.

John Warrenton's Marriage Was Postponed Because He Was Indicted for the Murder of William Westmoreland-A Telegram from Senator Martin, Saying the Appropriation Would Go Through.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) PETERSBURG, VA., March 2.—W. P. Arwood, the Republican talley-keeper at Templeton's Precinct in Prince George county, last November, was tried before Justice O. D. Wemple at Disputanta today and convicted for taking and carry-ing off an unmarked ballot. A fine of \$100 was imposed, being the maximum fine pro-scribed, and this is believed to be the first

conviction under the present election law n this State. Arwood in his depositions in the Wil-Arwood in its depositions in the wiseson-Lassiter contest, which were read before the justice, said an illiterate negro came to him with a ballet and asked him if it was properly marked for the Republican ticket, which he wished to vote. He kept the ticket and filed it with a notary to be used as evidence, the ticket marked to be used as evidence, the ticket marked for the negro being found to be a straight Democratic one.

The case was earnestly contested. Arwood was represented by Judge R. W. Arnold and Judge J. F. West, of Waverly, and T. A. Brown, of Disputanta, and the Commonwealth by R. H. Mann, Jr., of Petersburg.

THE DIVERSION SCHEME.
Cantain Carter, R. Bishon, received, a

Captain Carter R. Bishop received telegram from Senator Martin to-night saying the House committee had agreed to report the Appomattox appropriation as incorporated in the rivers and harbors bill passed by the Senate, and that the Appomattox improvement bill would be passed unless the entire bill for rivers nd harbors failed at this session of Con-A WEDDING POSTPONED.

John Warrenton did not celebrate his wedding to-night. Warrenton was indict-ed Tuesday by the grand jury, charged with being a principal to the murder of William Westmoreland in October last. Warrenton and Miss Rivers, daughter of Mr. Frederick Rivers, of this city, were to be married to-night. Miss Rivers called at the jail Wednesday to see her fiance, and the meeting scene was affecting. The young man maintains his ining. The young man maintains his in nocence and says he will have no trouble in establishing it to the satisfaction of every one. He is inclined to treat the matter lightly, and appears to be concerned only by the fact that his marriage had to be put off. PYTHIAN VISITORS.

The Third Rank team from Damon Lodge of Richmond were guests of Naomi Lodge, Knights of Pythias, tonight. Degrees were conferred on several andidat

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Goodwyn, Mr. and Mrs. David Dunlop, Jr., Miss Mary Beas-ley, Miss Roberta Gill and Messrs. James Weddell and Water Baugh left to-night or Washingto TWO CHARTERS.

Judge Mullen granted two charters to lay, incorporating the Blue Ridge Cotton Mills and the Petersburg Wood-Working

Mills and the Petersburg Wood-Working Company.

The incorporators of the Blue Ridge Cotton Mills are August Wright, president; Robert G. L. Davis, vice-president and general manager; and E. G. Davis, secretary and treasurer. These, with A. C. Algood and A. Wright, Jr., are the directors. Capital stock is to be not less than \$15,000 nor more than \$25,000.

The incorporators of the Petersburg Wood-Working Company are W. R. McKenney, president; L. B. Hargrave, secretary and general manager; E. E. Titus, treasurer, W. R. Turner and the officers compose the Board of Directors. Capital stock is to be \$19,000. The company is formed for working wood in all its various forms and products.

R. A. Sanford & Bro., of this city, lost two fine oven last night. The theft was promptly reported and at moon to-day Chief Ragland received a telegram from Richmond, saying William Sanford had been arrested in that city and the oxen recovered.

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Sanford is a distant connection of the firm.

The Council last night authorized the approval and acceptance of the contract with the New York Jewell Filtration Company and the city for putting in a filter in Petersburg.

By an ordinance adopted the Atlantic Coast Line will build a side track on Madison Street.

Hustings Court adjourned to-day for the term.

CONTRACT ACCEPTED.

Newport News Shipyards to Build a Protected Cruiser.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 2.-The New port News Ship-building Company has finally accepted the contract for the con-struction of the second of the three protected cruisers, the first having been let to the Neatie and Leavie Company. The Bath Company is yet to be heard from as to the third cruiser.

> London Council. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON. March 2.-The elections for embers of the London County Council -day resulted as follows: Progressives, 92; Moderates, 27; Independents, 1, and un-counted, 8, including the city's four mem-bers. The old council contained 71 Pro-

Fine Weather Predicted.

gressives and 47 Moderates.

WASHINGTON, March 2 .--- 8 P. M .---Special Bulletin: A low pressure area covers the Mississippi valley and eastern slope, with generally clear weather and temperature abnormally high. This warm condition of air will move eastward, causing warm, clear and fine weather in Washington, D. C., and over the Atlantic

LAY SPECIAL LEVY FOR THE LIBRARY

Washington Ready for Republican Tally-Keeper Patteson Law Will Permit This to be Done.

CITIZENS ARE FOR IT

The Proposition of Mr. Carnegie At-

tracts Much Attention.

ACTION OF COLLEGE FACULTY.

They Adopt a Resolution Expressing Thanks to Mr. Carnegie and Urging the City Council to Accept His Offer-The Views of Citizens-Question

Sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of accepting the proposition of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to give \$100,000 to the city of Richmond for a public library. All classes of citizens look upon it most fav orably, and many of them want the City Council to take up the matter at once, inquire into the details, go over the and devise ways and means by which the \$10,000 a year for maintenance, equipment and buying books may be provided.

This seems to be the problem to be solved by the City Council, and various plans have been suggested, one to curtai appropriations that are made annually to charitable and other institutions, and

to shave appropriations to the departments of the city.

Through the efforts of Hon. S. S. P. Patteson, member of the House of Del gates for Richmond, a bill was passed at the last regular session of the Legis-lature and approved on March 5, 1900, which provides for just such emergencies. The act provides that the Council of each incorporated city and town shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city or town, and may levy a tax not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually on all taxable property in the city or town, such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the library fund.

MAYOR TO APPOINT A BOARD.

The bill also provides that in cases where a city establishes a library under the provisions of the law, the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint a board of nine directors, to be chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness, and not mor than one members of the Council shall be at any time on the board, and he shall be the chairman of the Finance Commit tee of the Council, and the city superin tendent of public schools shall be a mem ber of the board. They shall hold office one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years from the date of appointment, and annuall the Mayor shall appoint three directors to take the place of those retiring, and no director shall receive compensation as such. The directors are to organize and elect one of their number president, and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and to adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library. They shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all money collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the tody of the ground, rooms, or buildings leased or set apart for that purpose. Al funds are to be turned over to the treas urer of the city to the credit of the lib rary fund, and shall be kept separat and apart from other money of the city and drawn upon by the proper office of the city upon authenticated voucher

of the library board. The board shall have power to apponit the librarians and assistants and fix their compensation, and shall have power to remove them. All libraries established inder this act shall be forever free to th inhabitants, subject, of course, to proper rules and regulations. Detailed annual reports are to be made by the board.

CITY CAN AFFORD TO ACCEPT. Nothing for a long time has occasioned so much comment among the people as the gift proposed by Mr. Carnegie, and a number of business men, including several large tax-payers, said in conversa tion with a Times representative that the city could well afford to accept the offer and that the bulk of those who would come under the additional assessment as provided for in Mr. Patteson's bill, would be glad to contribute that much toward

be glad to contribute that much toward securing the necessary amount to met Mr. Carnegie's in his proposition.

Commonwealth's-Attorney D. C. Richardson said last night that he was most emphatically in favor of taking Mr. Carnegie up, and he thought little difficulty would be experienced in raising the money required by the city.

"The details of the matter require concideration, of course," said Mr. Richardcideration, of course," said Mr. Richard-son, "but when it appears that a large portion of that \$10,000 annually would go out for salary and wages to the people

out for salary and wages to the people employed at the library, it doesn't seem such a large sum after all. We should certainly take up Mr. Carnegie's offer if it is feasible, and it seems so to me." Hon. John E. Epps said he would cer-tainly vote in favor of the proposition were he a member of the City Council for the establishment of a public library here could but be a lasting benefit to al the citizens and a consummation devout be desired

Many members of the City Council wer seen by a Times man in reference to the proposed library, and without a single ex-ception they favored such a proposition in the general sense. They preferred to look further into the details, however, be fore expressing themselves as to what action they would take on the proposition when it came before them in the Council VIEWS OF PRESIDING OFFICERS.

President Ebel, of the Common Council, felt that he could support the general proposition, for he believed the good proposition, for he believed the good resulting would be felt in all future generations, because the institution would be a permanent one.

"The details of the proposition are rather meagre," he said, "and require the most careful consideration. The magnitude of the proposition is such that no man can say off-hand what he would do when it came to the point. But on

do when it came to the point. But on general principles I am in tavor of it, for it is for the good of the whole people." President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, said he was certainly in favor of Coast States on Monday, the 4th of March.

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Lake Shore and Michigan Southern shops at Cleveland, Ohlo.

consider, and he could express no opinion on that until he had looked thoroughly into the matter. Mayor Taylor would say nothing in

reference to the matter at present, because he had not carefully considered the proposition. He was in favor of a

public library, however. NEW DEPARTMENT.

The general discussion brought up the proposition of the establishment of a new department of the city government and it was conceded that the Department of Public Library would necessitate a sal-ary list of something like \$5,000, which would come from the \$10,000 it was suggested as an appropriation.

THE MATTER OF LOCATION.

There is a general interest as to the location of the library building, and conversation with many citizens developed the fact that some jealousy would crop in, for people in various parts of the city want the building, in their section. The most frequently referred to loca-

the most frequently referred to location was Broad Street between Eighth and Eleventh, convenient to the other public buildings. The site of the old City Hall was mentioned, as well as that on the northeast corner of Broad and Eleventh, and at Eighth Street, opposite Murphy's Hotel phy's Hotel.

Morroe Park and Capitol Square were, also mentioned, but neither would be practicable, many think, the former because of its up-town location, and the latter because the property belongs to the State. The fine lots at Fifth and Main and Seventh and Grace Streets but with all the diversity. were suggested, but with all the diversity, the Broad Street location, near the City the Broad Street location, near the City Hall, was looked upon as the proper place by the larger number of neople. However, the Allan lot, at Fifth and Main, is strongly urged as a central and

desirable location.

NOT A SURPRISE TO ALL.

While the letter from Mr. Carnegie making his munificent offer took the Board of Aldermen by surprise it was known by a few that such a proposition would once. This accounted in a measure of the surprise of th would come. This accounted in a meas ure for the great interest felt in the proposed visit of Mr. Carnegie to Richnd at the time of the meeting of th mond at the time of the meeting of the Mining Engineers. It is possible that had he been able to come this matter might have been made public then.

The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council will be held on March 18th, and the consideration of the proposition of Mr. Carnegie will then be taken up. It is possible, however, that a called meeting may be had at an earlier date, as there are circumstances which make it advisable to bring this matter to a conclusion at an early date. It has been suggested that this matter may come up in the meeting of the Com-mon Council to-morrow night, but there is little likelihood of this, as the Aldetmen have referred the subject to the Fi

nance Committee. Mr. Carnegie has contributed \$1,000 to the Virginia Mechanics' Institute, and offered to give \$10,000 for the institute building if \$90,000 was raised here.

Endorsed by the College Faculty.

The faculty of Richmond College held meeting yesterday afternoon to consider Mr. Carnegie's offer, and adopted the following resolutions, copies of which were mailed to the presidents of both branches of the Council: Whereas, Mr. Andrew Carnegie has of-

fered to give to the city of Richmond \$100,000 for the establishment of a free

public library, provided the City Council will furnish a suitable site and agree to appropriate \$10,000 annually for the main-tenance of said library; therefore, Resolved, That the Faculty of Richmond College desires to express to Mr. Carne-gie its high appreciation of his liberality

and to thank Mr. Robert Whittet, Jr., of the Board of Aldermen, for his generous endeavor and success in securing so splendid a gift to our city. Resolved, further, That we respectfully petition the City Council to take such ac-tion as will secure this gift to Richmond,

ince we firmly believe that this would be wise expediture of money, for the following reasons: 1. A great public library has long been a felt want in our city. 2. It would be a vast educative force,

2. It would be devacted to the strengthening at once all of our schools, both public and private, by providing them with such facilities and books as are essential to their highest usefulness.

3. It would greatly promote the literary interests of our city by furnishing to authors and investigators a rich laboratory. thors and investigators a rich laboratory

4. It would become a safe repository for (Continued on Seventh Page.)

SEABOARD SHOPS MAY COME HERE

A General Belief That They Will be Brought to Richmond From Portsmouth-

There is a quite general belief in railroad circles that the Seaboard Air Line shops will be removed to Richmond from Portsmouth, to follow the general offices. It is thought not unlikely that the shops will be located on the Baker tract, immediately below the city. There is now pending a suit for the enforcement of a contract for the sale of this property. It s thought that the Seaboard Air Line

is the prospective purchaser. The sug-gestion that the road wished to establish deep-water terminus there is not cred-It is remembered that long before there was any talk of the offices of the road being removed to Richmond, it was re-ported that the shops of the company would be brought here. There seems realwould be brought here. There seems reality but little reason to doubt that after the offices are brought to Richmond, the shops will very probably follow. They would be too much out of reach at Ports-

Beginning with to-day the Norfolk and Western will operate a through car be-tweeen Richmond and Virginia Beach. This car will be attached to the Ocean Shore Limited, leaving here at 3:15 P. M. and reaching the shore in time for din-

A special Chesapeake and Ohio train carrying 300 Porto Rican soldiers from Newport News to Washington to take part in the inaugural parade to-morrow, assed through the city yesterday afternoon. The detachment was under com-mand of Lleutenant-Colonel Clem. The battalien will return home by way of New York, the Rawlins, which brought it to Newport News having gone to New York.

Mr. Alex. McGill, of this city, has been appointed night clerk in the Chesapeake and Ohio freight office at Clifton Forge.

Mr. M. M. McAllister, who has for three years been master boilermaker at the Richmond Locomotive Works, left yester-day with his family to enter upon the

A LONG-SOUGHT LETTER FOUND

From Gen. Geo. H Thomas to Gov. John Letcher.

A DISPUTE SETTLED.

Has Been Long Denied That Such Letter Ever Existed.

FOUND IN EXECUTIVE ARCHIVES.

The Letter from the Great Union

General Declining the Post of Chief of Ordnance of Virginia Unless the State Seceded from the Union. Hon. Joseph T. Lawless, Secretary of

the Commonwealth, has recently found among the executive papers of the State for the year 1861, a letter from General George H. Thomas, of Southampton county, the celebrated Union soldier, to Governor John Letcher, in which the great soldier clearly intimated his in-

great soldier clearly intimated his hetention to resign from the army in case Virginia seceded.

Virginia seceded less than six weeks after the letter was written. But General Thomas remained in the Union army and became one of the most distinguished officers of the war. LETTER TO GOVERNOR LETCHER. It has long been denied that such a letter was ever written. It is written from a New York hotel, under date of

March 12, 1861. It is as follows:
"Hon. John Letcher,
"Governor of Virginia,
"My dear Governor,—I received yesterday a letter from Major Gilham, of the day a letter from Major Glinam, of the Virginia Military Institute, dated the 9th instant, in reference to the position of Chief of Ordnance of the State, in which he informs me that you had re-quested him 'to ask me if I would re-sign from the service, and if so whether that post would be acceptable to me.' As he requested me to make my reply to As he requested me to make my reply to As he requested me to make my reply to you direct. I have the honor to state, after expressing my mest sincere thanks for your very kind offer, that it is not my wish to leave the service of the United States as long as it is honorable for me to remain in it, and therefore as long as my native State (Virginia) remains in the Union, it is my purpose to remain in the army unless required to remain in the army, unless required to perform duties alike repulsive to honor

HIS MIND WAS MADE UP. HIS MIND WAS MADE, er.

The inference is plain that Major
Thomas would resign from the army
when Virginia seceded. General Fitzhigh Lee has frequently told how he
saw Major Thomas in New York about wo weeks before Virginia seceded. When

bidding him good-by General Lee said:
"Weli Major, I suppose I will see you
in Virginia seon." "Yes," replied Major Thomas.
"He thinks you will," replied Mrs,
Thomas, a Northern lady-a most signiicant remark, Major Thomas never re-

The letter found by Mr. Lawless, who was searching for it as the result of a conversation with Major Norman V. Randolph, will be a valuable find for historians and biographers of General Thomas, His sisters still reside in Southampton county.

A SWINDLER IN THE VALLEY.

Rev. Thomas K. Cromer Accepts a Call to Manchester. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) WINCHESTER, VA., March 2.-A man

epresenting himself to be an agent of the Butterick Company, of Philadelphia, as been swindling a number of people in this section during the last week, and has so far escaped arrest. He gives his name as Gibson at one place and Gay at

onother.

Rev. Thomas K. Cromer, of St. Clairs-ville, Pa., to-day accepted a call to the pastorate of Centenary Keformed Church, f Winchester, and St. Paul's Church, of Stephensons.

Mrs. Jones, widow of Rev. J. C. Jones,

died at her home in Clarke county last night at an advanced age, after a linger-

ing illness of pneumonia. She is survived by four sons and a large number of rela-tives in various sections of Virginia.

Mr. Wildman's Successor (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Prestdent to-day nominated William A. Rub-lee, of Wisconsin, to be consul-general of

the United States at Hong Kong, China. Drowned in a Spring.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) MARION, N. C., March 2.—A two-years old child of W. W. McConnell, superintendent of the Western Furniture Company, was drowned here to-day by falling

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

-Interesting letter from Gen. Thomas not hitherto published.

-Great interest in the proposition to have a public library.

-One negro shot and another cut in an exciting Main-Street row.

-The story about Baron Massow's fortune all a joke.

Military leave to attend the inaugura--Military leave to attend the inaugura-

tion.

Three attempts at suicide here yesterday -Probable fight over the chairmanship of the City Committee. State.

-Republican election officers convicted in Prince George county.
-Consolidation of Newport News elec-

-Consonation its literature of the industrial of ration.

-Terrible accident on the Clinch Valley

General.

Railroad.

-Washington streets crowded with visitors to see the mauguration.
-Senate passed the last of big appropriation bills.
-Mr. Bailey brought House proceedings to a standstill by call for a quorum.
-President signed army bill.

Fareign. Foreign.

-British officials do not share optimism of press in believing South African war nearly over.

-German press disapprove of protest being made against Russian action in regard to Manchuria.

-Provincial governments have been established throughout Grant's district.